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TITLE: COVALENTLY CLOSED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES FOR  
IMMUNOSTIMULATION

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in order to place the claims of the above-cited application in better condition for examination.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 21 - 42, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to place the present application in a better condition for examination. Specifically, Claims 21 - 42 have been cancelled. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. None of the changes submitted in this Preliminary Amendment are to be construed as having any effect on the scope of the subject matter being claimed, as they are merely being presented for clarification purposes, as stated above. All of the changes made